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LETTER DATED 21 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Joint Statement by the President of the United States of America Mr. George Bush and the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Boris N. Yeltsin on Nagorno-Karabakh issued 3 January 1993 (see annex in English and Russian).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Joint statement of the President of the Russian Federation and the President of the United States of America on Nagorno-Karabakh

Moscow - January 3 Tass -- The Joint Statement of the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Boris Yeltsin, and the President of the United States of America, Mr. George Bush, on Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Russian Federation and the United States of America express deep concern over the continuing sanguinary tragedy in Nagorno-Karabakh and, lately, on the border between Azerbaijan and Armenia. The long and fierce hostilities continue to increase the number of casualties, mostly among civilians, and inflict enormous damage to the economies of both states, to discredit the democratic tendencies in their development, to destabilize the situation in the whole of Transcaucasia.

We are worried over the continuation and aggravation of the conflict, over brutal shellings and bombardments of populated localities, over streams of refugees, introduction of blockades, violations of international humanitarian law, including seizure of hostages and barbaric treatment of POWs. These activities demand fixed attention and condemnation on the part of civilized states, the United Nations and international humanitarian structures.

Russia and the U.S. call for an immediate end to the bloodshed, for a drastic turn towards a political settlement of the conflict, for an early convocation of the CSCE Conference on Nagorno-Karabakh in Minsk to solve all disputed problems. This meets the supreme national interests of the Azerbaijani and Armenian peoples. They (Russia and the U.S.) address the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia, all participants in the conflict with an insistent call to confirm by practical deeds the statements on the desire to solve it (the conflict) by peaceful methods, to respect the reached peaceful agreements.

On their side, the Russian Federation and the United States of America confirm their readiness to join efforts and continue to render help in searching for solutions acceptable for all participants in the conflict, first and foremost in the CSCE framework.